

A RESOLUTION

Supporting Locally-Established Building Design Standards for Residential Dwellings.

WHEREAS, locally elected officials work in partnership with their citizens to establish “building design standards” in single and double-family dwellings, which reflect the character of the community and have a positive impact on economic development efforts and competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, appropriate local design standards and land use policies, established by local citizens in each community, create a diverse, stable, profitable, and sustainable residential development landscape; and

WHEREAS, state legislation eliminating locally-tailored approaches to design standards would harm self-determination of citizens to establish community standards; and

WHEREAS, local community partners support the use of building design standards to protect property values, and attract high quality builders; and

WHEREAS, building design standards assure residents and business owners that their investments will be protected, and that others who come behind them will be equally committed to quality; and

WHEREAS, local business leaders value the studying, surveying, crafting, and defining of a community vision and development strategies, and recognize design standards as an integral part of those endeavors to attract residents, businesses, and the much-coveted trained workforce; and

WHEREAS, development and redevelopment efforts should reflect the community and its vision while simultaneously creating a sense of place imperative for attracting new economic prospects; and

WHEREAS, locally supported design standards can enhance housing at all price points, and helps maintain the value of affordable housing for first time and entry level home buyers.

WHEREAS, local officials are elected to make decisions about the look and feel of their communities, and local business owners recognize the need for their elected officials to be empowered to enforce building design standards for the purposes of economic growth and the safety and welfare of the citizens of Georgia and in particular of The city of Marietta, Georgia.

WHEREAS, proposed bills would take this much needed and proven ability from local communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City of Marietta City Council, that this governing body voices its support of Locally-Established Building Design Standards for Residential Dwellings.

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